

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
13780

In Re Application Of: **Masaki Hiraga**

Application No. 09/972,925	Filing Date 10/10/2001	Examiner Scott. A. Wallace	Customer No. 000293	Group Art Unit 2671	Confirmation No. 4631
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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENCODING AND DECODING AN OBJECT**
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of March 12, 2004 in the above-identified application.

*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: June 12, 2004                      until: August 12, 2004

*Date*    *Date*

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is **\$210** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

*Signature*

Dated: AUG 11, 2004

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